For implementing the above Programme, the International Development Association (World Bank) have agreed to provide credit of approximately Rs. 1250 crore during the Tenth Plan period. The Programme has been declared effective with effect from 12th March, 2003.

The main components of the Programme are (i) Institutional Development comprising of (a) promotion of academic excellence (b) networking of institution for quality enhancement and resource sharing (c) enhancing quality and reach of services to community and economy, and (ii) System Management Capacity Improvement comprising of conduct of research studies and development of human resource concerned with technical education at Central, State and institutional levels.

Initially, in the first cycle six States namely Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are participating in the Programme. Other States would participate in subsequent cycles.

Foot and mouth disease eradication project

*285. SHRI RAM MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Andhra Pradesh Government has been received to include Mahboob Nagar and Nizamabad districts in the National Programme for Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Project;

(b) if so, when such a request was received; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) to (c) A request from Government of Andhra Pradesh was received on 02.07.2003 to include Mahboob Nagar and Nizamabad districts in the National Programme for Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Project. During 10th Plan the Central Government is implementing a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on "Livestock Health and Disease Control" having the components, namely, "Assistance to States Control of Animal

Diseases" (ASCAD) and "Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme" (FMD-CP). Under "ASCAD", immunisation of animals against economically important diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease, Haemorrhagic septicaemia, Anthrax etc. have been envisaged and the State Governments can take up the vaccination of any of the diseases which are important in different areas of their State. The districts of Mahboob Nagar and Nizamabad can be taken up for vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease under: "Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases" (ASCAD), for which the State Government have to submit an Annual Action Plan. We have not yet received the action plan for 2003-04 from Andhra Pradesh. Under the component "Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)" a programme is being implemented in 54 selected districts of the country which include 4 districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Rangareddy, Medak, Chittoor and Ananthpur.

Vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†*286. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise, subject-wise and post-wise details of vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas as on 30th June, 2003; and

(b) by when these posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) & (b) Information is being collected.

Bio-farm in Orissa

*287. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been impressed upon Orissa to set up a bio-farm in the State;

(b) if so, whether the State has asked for help in the matter from the Centre, if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.